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My dear President

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I ventured to write to Dr. Butler.

If sent from Columbia U. from a neutral country, the copies of the treaties might carry more weight in other neutral countries. But certainly a copy should be sent to every University in the world & if not otherwise arranged I beg to suggest that this should be done by our own University.

Apart from the great good it would do, this would I think increase the prestige of the University of Toronto

Hoping you have quite recovered from your indisposition I am Yours faithfully

J. Murray Clark

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October 2, 1915.

My dear President Butler,

It was greatly regretted that you were unable to be present at the memorable Convocation of the University of Toronto last Tuesday. You were I think present at the Lake Mohonk Conference when I suggested some years ago that there should be a suitable celebration of the Hundred Years of Peace between the United States and Canada or rather the British Empire. At any rate as we had been several times the fellow guests of Mr. Smiley it would have been a great pleasure to see you at our University when you became a fellow graduate in Law.

You have no doubt seen the noble speech made by Mr. Choate. Permit me to suggest that copies in permanent form should be widely distributed and at all events a copy should be sent to every University in the World. No one could arrange this so well as you. It would do great good in the United States especially in the West where the issues involved are not yet fully understood and would assist to arouse such a sound public opinion as would prevent anything being done by your citizens to furnish the Germans with the means of holding and harrying Belgium in violation of the Hague Convention to which your country was a party and of assisting the Turks who continue to murder your and our fellow Christians.

With kindest regards and sincere congratulations
I am, Yours very truly

Nicholas Murray Butler, Esq., L.L.D., D.C.L. &c.,
President, Columbia University
New York, N.Y.--U.S.A.

October 12th, 1915

J. Murray Clark, Esq.,
Kent Building,
150 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter. In the first place the dealy arose from an accumulation of work owing to my illness, but after that to my having mislaid your letter under some other material. I will gladly bring the proposal of your letter before the Board of Governors which meets this week. Whether we can secure from Mr. Choate the full copy of his speech I do not know, and we should have to obtain his permission for its distribution, but the idea appeals to me as being an excellent one, if he will allow us to carry it out.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 16th, 1916

J. Murray Clark, Esq.,

Kent Building, Toronto.

My dear Mr. Clark:

I am glad to have your letter setting forth the qualifications for Mr. Corless for the honorary degree of D.Sc. I will be glad to hand your letter over to Dr. Ellis and ask him to bring it before other members of the science branches of the University. As you yourself say there is abundance of time to consider his merits before degrees will next be awarded.

I am fully aware of the deep interest that you take in the University and what you have done for it. Personally I should be glad to give great weight to your judgment in such a matter as this.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.